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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Large Language Models.	
EDUCATION	Cornell University <i>Ph.D. in Computer Science (M.S. degree granted in Aug 2019)</i> Advisor: Claire Cardie	Aug 2016 – Aug 2021
	Shanghai Jiao Tong University <i>B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering</i>	Sep 2012 – Aug 2016
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX <i>Assistant Professor in Computer Science</i>	Aug 2022 – Present
	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL <i>Postdoctoral Research Associate, with Prof. Heng Ji</i>	Sep 2021 – Aug 2022
INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE	Google AI, Mountain View, CA <i>Research Intern</i>	May 2020 – Aug 2020
	Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Seattle, WA <i>Research Intern</i>	Sep 2018 – Dec 2018
	Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA <i>Research Intern</i>	May 2018 – Aug 2018
SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS	NSF CAREER award	National Science Foundation, 2024
	AAAI New Faculty Highlights	AAAI, 2024
	Cisco Faculty Research Award	Cisco, 2024
	Amazon Research Award	Amazon, 2023
	Spotlight Rising Star in Data Science	University of Chicago, 2021
	Top 100 New Stars in Artificial Intelligence	Baidu Scholar, 2020
	Most Influential ACL Papers (15 each year)	Paperdigest, 2017
	National Scholarship (Top 1% students nationwide)	SJTU, 2013
PUBLICATIONS	Note: [†] indicates that I am a co-leading author. * indicates equal contributions. You can also find my publication list on [DBLP] and [Google Scholar] pages.	
	[1] IQA-EVAL: Automatic Evaluation of Human-Model Interactive Question Answering Ruosen Li, Ruochen Li, Barry Wang, Xinya Du <i>In Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.</i>	
	[2] FaithScore: Fine-grained Evaluations of Hallucinations in Large Vision-Language Models	

Liqiang Jing, Ruosen Li, Yunmo Chen, **Xinya Du**
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2024.

- [3] **MEQA: A Benchmark for Multi-hop Event-centric Question Answering with Explanations**

Ruosen Li, Zimu Wang, Son Quoc Tran, Lei Xia, **Xinya Du**
In Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.

- [4] **Document-level Causal Relation Extraction with Knowledge-guided Binary Question Answering**

Zimu Wang, Lei Xia, Wei Wang, **Xinya Du**
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2024.

- [5] **QAEvent: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation**

Milind Choudhary, **Xinya Du**
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EACL), 2024.

- [6] **PRD: Peer Rank and Discussion Improve Large Language Model-based Evaluations**

Ruosen Li, Teerth Patel, **Xinya Du**
In Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2024.

- [7] **Large Language Models for Automated Open-domain Scientific Hypotheses Discovery**

Zonglin Yang, **Xinya Du**[†], Junxian Li, Jie Zheng, Soujanya Poria, Erik Cambria
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (ACL), 2024.
Best poster award in AI4Science workshop, 2024 (1/200).

- [8] **Language Models as Inductive Reasoners**

Zonglin Yang, Li Dong, **Xinya Du**[†], Hao Cheng, Erik Cambria, Xiaodong Liu, Jianfeng Gao, Furu Wei
In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2024.

- [9] **Leveraging Structured Information for Explainable Multi-hop Question Answering and Reasoning**

Ruosen Li, **Xinya Du**
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2023.

- [10] **Process of Elimination for Multiple Choice Reasoning**

Chenkai Ma, **Xinya Du**
In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2023.

- [11] **Probing Representations for Document-level Event Extraction**

Barry Wang, **Xinya Du**, Claire Cardie
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2023.

- [12] **Zero-Shot Classification by Logical Reasoning on Natural Language Explanations**

Chi Han, Hengzhi Pei, **Xinya Du**, Heng Ji
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (ACL), 2023.

- [13] **Toward Consistent and Informative Event-Event Temporal Relation Extraction**

Xiaomeng Jin, Haoyang Wen, **Xinya Du**, Heng Ji
In MATCHING at Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL),

2023.

- [14] **End-to-end Case-Based Reasoning for Commonsense Knowledge Base Completion**
Zonglin Yang, **Xinya Du**[†], Erik Cambria, Claire Cardie
In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2023.
- [15] **Logical Entity Representation in Knowledge-Graphs for Differentiable Rule Learning**
Chi Han, Qizheng He, Charles Yu, **Xinya Du**, Hanghang Tong, Heng Ji
In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023.
- [16] **Retrieval-Augmented Generative Question Answering for Event Argument Extraction**
Xinya Du and Heng Ji
In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2022.
- [17] **Dynamic Global Memory for Document-level Argument Extraction**
Xinya Du, Sha Li, and Heng Ji
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2022.
- [18] **Automatic Error Analysis for Document-level Information Extraction**
Aliva Das*, **Xinya Du***, Barry Wang*, Kejian Shi, Jiayuan Gu, Thomas Porter, Claire Cardie
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2022.
- [19] **RESIN-11: Schema-guided Event Prediction for 11 Newsworthy Scenarios**
Xinya Du, Zixuan Zhang, Sha Li, Heng Ji and the RESIN team
In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL): System Demonstrations, 2022.
- [20] **Template Filling with Generative Transformers**
Xinya Du, Alexander M. Rush, and Claire Cardie
In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2021.
- [21] **GRIT: Generative Role-filler Transformers for Document-level Event Entity Extraction**
Xinya Du, Alexander M. Rush, and Claire Cardie
In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2021.
- [22] **Few-shot Intent Classification and Slot Filling with Retrieved Examples**
Dian Yu, Luheng He, Yuan Zhang, **Xinya Du**, Panupong Pasupat and Qi Li
In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2021.
- [23] **QA-Driven Zero-shot Slot Filling with Weak Supervision Pretraining**
Xinya Du, Luheng He, Qi Li, Dian Yu, Panupong Pasupat and Yuan Zhang
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2021.
- [24] **Event Extraction by Answering (Almost) Natural Questions**
Xinya Du and Claire Cardie

In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2020.
Top 1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2020.

- [25] **Improving Event Duration Prediction via Time-aware Pre-training**
Zonglin Yang, **Xinya Du**, Alexander M. Rush and Claire Cardie
In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2020.
- [26] **Document-Level Event Role Filler Extraction using Multi-Granularity Contextualized Encoding**
Xinya Du and Claire Cardie
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2020.
- [27] **Leveraging Structured Metadata for Improving Question Answering on the Web**
Xinya Du, Adam Fourney, Robert Sim, Claire Cardie, Paul Bennett and Ahmed Hassan Awadallah
In Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL/IJCNLP), 2020.
- [28] **Be Consistent! Improving Procedural Text Comprehension using Label Consistency**
Xinya Du, Bhavana Dalvi, Niket Tandon, Antoine Bosselut, Wen-tau Yih, Peter Clark, Claire Cardie
In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2019.
- [29] **Harvesting Paragraph-Level Question-Answer Pairs from Wikipedia**
Xinya Du and Claire Cardie
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2018.
Top 1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2018.
- [30] **Identifying Where to Focus in Reading Comprehension for Neural Question Generation**
Xinya Du and Claire Cardie
In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2017.
- [31] **Learning to Ask: Neural Question Generation for Reading Comprehension**
Xinya Du, Junru Shao and Claire Cardie
In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2017.
Featured in New Scientist and TechRepublic [Link]
Top 0.1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2017
- [32] **Cornell Belief and Sentiment System at TAC 2016**
Vlad Niculae, Kai Sun, Xilun Chen, Yao Cheng, **Xinya Du**, Esin Durmus, Arzoo Katiyar, Claire Cardie
In Text Analysis Conference (TAC), 2016.

GRANTS

NSF CAREER: Learning to Extract Consistent Event Graphs from Long and Complex Documents (PI)

Natural Science Foundation

May 2024 – present.

Amount Awarded: \$561,219. Amount to me: \$561,219.

Process-guided Fine-tuning for Answering Complex Questions (PI)

Amazon Research Award

Jan 2024 – present.

Amount Awarded: \$110,000 (\$40,000 AWS credits). Amount to me \$110,000.

Amazon Trusted AI Challenge Grant (Co-PI)

Amazon

Sep 2024 – present.

Amount Awarded: \$250,000.

FAIGen: Faithful LLM Generation with Scientific Principles-guided Learning (PI)

Cisco Faculty Research Award

Jan 2025 – present.

Amount Awarded: \$50,000.

Faithfulness in LVLMs (PI)

OpenAI Researcher Access Program (jointly awarded with PhD student) Sep 2024 – present.

Amount Awarded: \$4,000.

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Award (URAP) (PI)

University of Texas at Dallas

summer 2023, 2024.

Amount Awarded: \$9,000.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Introduction to Machine Learning, UT Dallas, Spring 2024

Natural Language Processing, UT Dallas, Fall 2023, 2024

Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing, UT Dallas, Spring 2023

New course developed by Dr. Du (overall score of 4.65/5.0) [Link]

Natural Language Processing, UT Dallas, Fall 2022

Natural Language Processing, Cornell University, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Claire Cardie.

Natural Language Processing, Cornell University, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Yoav Artzi.

Software Engineering, Cornell University, Spring 17, Spring 18

Teaching Assistant for Prof. William Arms.

Introduction to Computing Using Python, Cornell University, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Walker White.

**MENTORING
EXPERIENCE**

PhD students

Ruosen Li, UT Dallas PhD student, 2022–present.

Publications: EMNLP (Findings) 2023, TMLR 2024, EMNLP (Findings) 2024, NeurIPS 2024.

Liqiang Jing, UT Dallas PhD student, 2023–present

Publications: EMNLP (Findings) 2024.

Award: OpenAI Researcher Access Program.

Ruochen Li, UT Dallas PhD student, 2023–present

Publications: NeurIPS 2024.

Guiming Chen, UT Dallas PhD student, 2024–present

Master Students

Milind Choudhary, UT Dallas Master student, 2023. → UT Dallas PhD

Topic: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation

Publications: EACL 2024 (Findings).

Zimu Wang, UT Dallas Visiting student, 2023-present

Topic: Temporal relation extraction.

Publications: EMNLP 2024 (Findings), NeurIPS 2024.

Son Tran, UT Dallas Visiting student, 2023

Topic: question answering.

Publications: NeurIPS 2024.

Chenkai Ma, UT Dallas Visiting student, 2023

Topic: Multiple choice questions reasoning.

Publications: EMNLP 2023.

Zonglin Yang, Cornell CS MEng student, 2020 – 2024. → NTU PhD
 Topic: Commonsense and case-based reasoning for NLP.
 Publications: EMNLP (Findings) 2020, EACL 2023, ACL 2024 (Findings).
 Barry Wang, Cornell CS undergraduate student, 2021 – 2024. → CMU PhD
 Topic: Automatic error analysis for information extraction.
 Publications: ACL 2022, SciNLP 2022, EMNLP 2023 (Findings), NeurIPS 2024.

Undergraduate/High School Students

Teerth Patel, UT Dallas BS student, 2023–present
 Topic: Large language model peer evaluations.
 Publications: TMLR 2024.
 Lei Xia, UT Dallas visiting student, 2023–2024
 Topic: Multi-hop Question Answering.
 Publications: NeurIPS 2024.
 Minhao Zou, UT Dallas visiting student, 2024
 Topic: LLM for Scientific Discovery.
 Arjun Junghare, UT Dallas CS undergrad student, 2024
 Topic: Image Generation with Large Language Models.
 Jaden Nunes, DFW Local K-12 student, Summer 2023
 Topic: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation
 Rishab Bhattacharya, DFW Local K-12 student, Summer 2023
 Topic: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation
 Shreyas Kumar, DFW Local K-12 student, Summer 2023
 Topic: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation
 Rishi Malhotra, Cornell CS undergraduate student, Spring 2021. → Microsoft
 Topic: Applying neural document-level IE model to scientific domain.
 Aliva Das, Cornell CS undergraduate student, 2021 – 2022. → Amazon
 Topic: Automatic error analysis for information extraction.
 Publications: ACL 2022, SciNLP 2021.
 Maitreyi Chatterjee, Cornell CS undergraduate student, Spring 2021. → LinkedIn
 Topic: Applying neural document-level IE model to scientific domain.

PROFESSIONAL Chairing:

SERVICES ACL Rolling Review (ARR) 2024
 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2024 Area
 char
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2023 Area char
 International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) 2024, 2025 Senior Area
 Chair
 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) Demo Track
 2024 Area char
 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguis-
 tics (NAACL) 2024 Website chair
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2024 Session Chair

Seminar/Conference/Workshop Organizing:

AI4Research: Towards a Unified Knowledge-grounded Scientific Research Lifecycle. To
 Appear AAAI 2025. Organizing team: Qingyun Wang, Wenpeng Yin, Lifu Huang, Yi R.
 Fung, Xinya Du, Carl Edwards, Tom Hope.

Journal Reviewer:

IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing (TASLP)
IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (TAL-LIP)
ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)
Computational Linguistics (CL)
Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS)
AI Communication
Information Processing and Management (IPM)

Conference Committee Member:

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)
Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AAACL/IJCNLP)
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing (NLPCC)
Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)
Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text (W-NUT)
Workshop on Machine Reading for Question Answering (MRQA)
Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics

PhD/MS Committee Member:

PhD: Xiangci Li, Jishnu Jaykumar Padalunkal, Basel Abdeen, Yibo Hu.
MS: Wooseong Yang, Shubham Patel

Other Activities:

Faculty advisor and judge for Association for Computing Machinery Symposium (ACM). UT Dallas. 2023-2024.
Faculty Advisor for Women Who Compute (WWC). UT Dallas. 2024.
Faculty Advisor for Girls Who Code (GWC). UT Dallas. 2024.
Faculty Advisor for Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE). UT Dallas. 2024
Research Mentor for RIDE (Research, Inquiry, Design Experience) Project. UT Dallas. 2024.
Member of PhD Admission Committee. UT Dallas. 2022, 2023, 2024
Site host of North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO). 2023, 2024.
Member of Cornell CS Department PhD Admission Committee. 2021.
Volunteer for Cornell CS Department PhD Visit Day. 2019, 2020, 2021.
Student Volunteer for ACL 2017, ACL 2018, EMNLP 2017.

RECENT TALKS

Synergizing Knowledge and Large Language Models
Data Mining Group Meeting, UIUC, Sep 2024.

Synergizing Knowledge and Large Language Models
Machine Learning & Friends Lunch, University of Massachusetts–Amherst, Sep 2024.

Synergy between Large Language Model and Knowledge
University of North Texas, Oct 2024.

Faculty Round Table Talk
Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UT Dallas, Aug 2024.

Large Language Models: Knowledge, Reasoning and Factuality
Samsung Electronics America, Mar 2024.

Open-ended Evaluations of Foundational Models: Alignment and Faithfulness
Computer Science Department Seminar, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Dec 2023.

ChatGPT: Fact vs. Fiction
Forum sponsored by The Dallas Morning News, UT Dallas, May 2023.

Towards More Intelligent Extraction of Information from Documents
Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, February 2022
Simon Fraser University, February 2022
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, February 2022
University of California, Merced, February 2022

Towards More Intelligent Extraction of Information from Documents
Siebel School of Computing and Data Science Speaker Series, UIUC, Feb 2022

Towards More Informed Extraction of Events from Documents
Rising Stars in Data Science Workshop, University of Chicago, Jan 2021.
Tencent AI Research America, Nov 2020.

Event Extraction by Answering (Almost) Natural Question
Information Extraction and Knowledge Acquisition Class, UIUC, Sep 2020

LwLL: Progress on the NLP Front
In DARPA site visit (Online), Cornell University, Apr 2020.

Harvesting Paragraph-Level Question-Answer Pairs from Wikipedia
In the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, July 2018.